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1. In 1948, after the educational reform, the first of the Rumanian study groups were established. The purpose of the study groups, which were organized beginning with the fifth grade through the last year of the higher institutes, was to assist students of the various classes with their school subjects. 25X1
2. The study groups are divided according to specialties, as follows:
 - a. Scientific, including all science courses such as mathematics, physics, chemistry and sciences;
 - b. Linguistic, including the Russian language and eventually other foreign languages;
 - c. Literary, including the study of Rumanian grammar and literature, and the literature of other languages such as French, German, and English;
 - d. Political, including the reading of the feature article in Scanteia, the publication of the Rumanian Workers' Party, history of the Communist Party, Marxist philosophy, and the reading of various political texts;
 - e. Parascholastic activity, including comments on political, cultural, scientific and artistic events, and book reviews; and
 - f. Sports, with theoretical approach to sports in school.
3. Study groups are organized by a professor of each specialty group who appoints a student "responsible" as head of the group. The student-in-charge must enroll others who wish to participate and then sub-divide them into minor groups of not more than four or five.
4. Meetings are held after school hours on the school property. Each student studies the lesson of the day during the meeting and in case of need asks

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for assistance from the others. This applies only to school subjects. For political or special problems outside the curriculum, the text is read by one student only, while the rest take notes, and a discussion is held at the end of the reading. Political topics are open to members of other group or classes.

5. To prepare for examinations, special groups are formed for the less studious individuals. It is usual to sponsor contests among groups of the same class, and among groups of the same specialty but of different classes. The class with the best record of activity, scholastic and para-scholastic, is awarded the famous Steagul Munci or banner of labor.

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